Atlas SCT Off-Detector Laboratory Electronics

OptIF-B User Manual

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This is a Preliminary Version.

1. Introduction

OptIF-B is an Opto-Electrical Interface for use by the Atlas SCT community primarily during the development phase of the Silicon Detector Modules. It is intended as a companion to the MuSTARD Data Acquisition module, and the SLOG Command and Clock Generation module. In common with these, it is in a standard 6U VME format. OptIF-B is a development of OptIF.

2. Safety

OptIF-B houses an array of 12 VCSEL lasers. These can each emit up to 1mW of average optical output at 850nm wavelength. A safety guard with electrical interlock is provided, and must be used as intended. The user must take relevant action to ensure operation within statutory regulations, which may depend on the country of use.

3. Outline Functionality

Fig 1 shows the Block Diagram and Layout of OptIF-B.

- OptIF-B processes 12 Command streams:
	- Commands and Clocks are accepted from the 50-way front panel connector
	- The 12 Command Streams and one of the Clocks are combined using Bi-Phase-Mark (BPM) encoding
	- The BPM signals are used to drive an array of 12 VCSELs (Lasers) with a connector interface to a 12-fibre ribbon
- OptIF-B also processes 12 streams of Optical Data:
	- accepts Data on a 12-fibre ribbon
	- converts to electrical signals
- There is also provision to monitor laser output
- The infra-structure is included to allow control of laser temperature

4. Detailed Functionality

4.1. Clock and Command

- Clocks and Commands are accepted from the 50-way front panel connector PL2 as differential LVDS signals. These are 100 Ohm terminated on board.
- 4 of the available SLOG clocks are used for various on-board clocking functions, as described below.
- The Command Streams pass through the TX- CPLD, which can perform a variety of operations for lab work: normally the data is passed straight through to the Opto-TX Plug-In. Four TX-MODE control bits can be set to select the action of the TX-CPLD.
- The Opto-TX Plug-In is the same as that used by the Atlas SCT Back-Of-Crate card. It uses a BPM12 chip to combine the Clock and Commands using Bi-Phase-Mark encoding, and to drive the 12-stream VCSEL array with an MT12 fibre connector interface to a 12-way fibre ribbon. On board DACs allow the laser currents to be independently adjusted. Registers in the BPM12 allow control of the BPM signals.

4.2. Data Streams

- Optical data is received via an MT12 fibre ribbon connector by the Opto-RX Plug-In. This is the same as those used by BOC (but see note in the Reference section)
- The Opto-RX has an array of 12 PIN diodes connected to a DRX ASIC. On-board DACs allow the threshold to be adjusted
- The data streams pass through the RX-CPLD: in normal mode this simply passes the asynchronous data on to the 26-way front panel connector PL1 as LVDS signals
- The operation of the RX-CPLD is selected by 4 RXMode control bits
- Pre defined modes are: NORMAL asynchronous data, 1-to-1 stream mapping, and PIXEL - data on 6 fibres (2-7 of 0-11) is clocked at 40MHz at two different phases to provide 12 40MS/s LVDS data streams.
- There is provision to pass the data outputs of the RX-CPLD to VME. This gives the possibility of doing data "Snap-Shots" and capturing short time sequences (but only with additions to the firmware in the RX-CPLD)
- The TX-CPLD can also be re-programmed via the CPLD Programming Header

4.3. The VME Interface

- The VME Interface is A24D16 Slave
- it responds to Standard Non-Privileged Data Transfers (AM[5:0] = 0x39) and to Standard Supervisory Data Transfers (AM[5:0] = 0x3D)
- the top 8 bits of the VME address (A[23:16]) are tested against the setting of 2 hex switches
- all useful registers and functions are accessed through a window of 256 word addresses, corresponding to A[8:1]
- Address bits A[15:9] are not tested
- Thus, if the switch settings are ML ("MS" and "LS" switches), the module occupies the address space from 0xML0000 to 0xMLfffe. But only even addresses in the range 0xML0000 to 0xML01fe need be used.

- VME transfers are accepted without Bus Error for the entire occupied address space, even if the particular address has no defined function. Data returned from unassigned addresses is undefined.
- Some operations started by VME access take a substantial time to complete. These "slow" operations are: Writing to the Laser Current and Threshold MultiDACs, Writing to the Delay chips, and Converting the Laser Power sample to digital form ready for reading. There is no pipelining of operations, so conflicts may occur if further slow operations are attempted. More information is given in the Reference section of this document.

4.4. Extended Features

There is a PIN diode in an ST fibre connector housing together with amplifier and ADC converter intended for monitoring average laser power. One or more of OptIF-B_Manual.doc of 20/11/02 @ 15:04 Page **4 of 11**

the 12 command streams can be coupled back into this using a suitable fibre harness.

- It is foreseen that controlling the temperature of the VCSELs may help with power stability in sensitive applications. Accordingly, the Opt-TX Plug-In can be equipped with a Peltier heat pump and temperature sensor. There is a site for a Patch Board with 14 uncommitted connections plus access to the power rails.
- It is also foreseen that this module could be used for the generation of Module Test Data (both Strip and Pixel), but this will rely on the availability of an Opto-TX without BPM encoding
- The TX-CPLD, the RX-CPLD and the Control CPLD can be re-programmed via the CPLD Programming Header, but this requires detailed understanding of the hardware, as well as access to the appropriate Lattice CAD and JTAG Download software.
- The data outputs of the RX-CPLD are accessible from the VME data bus under the control of the Control CPLD: this gives the possibility of readily adding features found useful in BOC testing (using the BOC-RIG module):
	- Doing a data snap shot
	- And, with additions to the RX-CPLD, being able to record a short sequence of data that can subsequently be read-out over VME

5. Reference Section

5.1. Front Panel Connectors PL1 and PL2

5.2. MT12 Fibre Connectors

5.3. Address Maps

- The **TOP-LEVEL** Address Map gives an overview, and the detail is given by:
- **Detailed** Address Map, and
- **BPM12** Address Map

Notes:

1. The Control/Status Word has no Write action at present. The bits are:

[x,x,x,x,LaserBlockIn,ADCBusy,MDAC_Busy,ClockPhase_Busy]

Notes:

- 1. To ensure the BPM internal test circuits are inactive, write 0x20 to MLx160 and 0x40 to MLx168
- 2. BPM registers are Read/Write: unused bits are undefined when Read, Don't-Care when Written

5.4. Clocks

The 4 Clock inputs are used as shown below.

See Detailed Address Map for addresses of the Clock Phases. These are Write-Only. Valid settings are 0-24, giving phase adjustment over the full 25ns period in 1ns steps. Settings outside the range 0-24 will not give valid clocks. Note also that the PHOS4 delay chips used need to be reset after power up by issuing a dummy Write command. Writing any delay value to any delay stream will do this, but note that the SLOG clocks should be turned on first.

5.5. Data Thresholds: RX-DACs

- Write-Only Slow Operation
- Set to 0-255 for Thresholds of 0-255uA (approx. 0-500uW optical power)
- These (and the Laser Currents) are all set to 0 by asserting the MDAC_Reset bit (bit 1) in the OptIF-B Reset register (address MLx00c)

5.6. Laser Currents: TX-DACs

- Write-Only Slow Operation
- Set to 0-255. This is a non linear control: there is around 1mA of laser current up to a setting of around 95. Thereafter the current increases roughly linearly to around 18mA for a setting of 255. Lasing will not start until the threshold current is reached (around 3mA). The maximum power output per laser (with the currently available Opto-TX Plug-Ins) is 2200uW (1200uW average over any 50ns period).
- These (and the Data Thresholds) are all set to 0 by asserting the MDAC_Reset bit (bit 1) in the OptIF-B Reset register (address MLx00c)

6. Sample Initialisation Procedure

```
// ********************************************************
short init_IFB(short p) // This routine may contain some debris
// ********************************************************
{ short dd, ee, ff, stream, dacv ;
 unsigned short errors;
// Laser DAC settings
  short int lasi[12] = \{0 \times 0, 0 \times 0\};
printf("OptIF-B Module Info:\n");
 VXIpeek(IFB_CREGS+0x2,2,&ee); // Read Module Type
VXIpeek(IFB_CREGS+0x1,2,&ff); // Read Module Version
 printf("..Module Type and Version is: %03iv%02X\n", ee & 0xFF, ff & 0xFF) ;
 VXIpeek(IFB_CREGS+0x3,2,&ee); // Read Module Manuf
printf("..Manufacturer is: %02X\n", ee & 0xFF) ;
 VXIpeek(IFB_CREGS+0x0,2,&ee); // Read Firmware version
printf("..Firmware version is: %03i\n\n", ee & 0xFF) ;
//
// first set up PHOS4s to ensure there's a 40MHz clock<br>// ... Note SLOG will need clocks enabling first
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VXIpoke(IFB_CLOX+0,2,0) ; // Dummy
VXIpoke(IFB_CLOX+0,2,0) ; // RX_Clock0
 VXIpoke(IFB_CLOX+1,2,0) ; // RX_Clock1
 VXIpoke(IFB_CLOX+2,2,0) ; // TX_Clock0
VXIpoke(IFB_CLOX+3,2,0) ; // TX_Clock1
 VXIpoke(IFB_CLOX+4,2,0) ; // BPM_Clock
// Now reset BPM and DACs:
  VXIpoke(IFB_CREGS+6,2,3);
  VXIpoke(IFB CREGS+6,2,0);
// now rest of CREGS
 VXIpoke(IFB_CREGS+4,2,0); // RXMode
VXIpoke(IFB_CREGS+5,2,0); // TXMode
//
dacv = 0x80 ; // Ball park ... 16-Nov-02
// now set up TXDACS and BPM registers to defaults
  for(stream=0;stream<12;stream++) // set up DACs
  { VXIpoke(IFB_TXDAX+stream,2,lasi[stream]); // laser currents
    VXIpoke(IFB_RXDAX+stream,2,dacv); // Thresholds
  }
// Common BPM Registers
   VXIpoke(IFB_BPM+0x30,2,0x20); // Inhibit RAND and TRIGGER Outputs
   VXIpoke(IFB_BPM+0x34,2,0x40); // Inhibit Internal Clock
   for(stream=0;stream<12;stream++) // per stream BPM registers
   \{ VXIpoke(IFB BPM+0+4*stream, 2,0x00); // Stream Inhibit=0 (0 or 1)
     VXIpoke(IFB_BPM+1+4*stream,2,0x12); // Mark-Space (0-0x1f)
     VXIpoke(IFB_BPM+2+4*stream,2,0x00); // Coarse delay (0-0x1f)
     VXIpole(IFB_BPM+3+4*stream,2,0x00); // Fine delay (0-0x7f)
   }
  return(0);
} // ********************************************************
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7. Additional Info

- Opto-Plug-Ins … connectors: the Opto Plug-Ins available to date use an array of individual pins as the connector to the motherboard (34 for the Opto-RX, 38 for the Opt-TX). Future Plug-Ins will use a 40-pin Samtec connector with 0.8mm spacing. An adapter card will be available to allow the new Plug-Ins to be used on OptIF-B.
- Slow Operations:
	- Laser Current settings .. take about 20us to complete
	- Data Threshold settings.. take about 20us to complete
	- Clock Phase settings .. take about 200us to complete

The general idea is that starting such operations will not result in the VME transfer being held up. But any subsequent VME Write to OptIF-B will be held up until the slow operation is complete (the VME Acknowledge is withheld). Such a "hang-up" can be avoided by Reading the OptIF-B Status word - Reads are not held up by any slow operations - and looking at the MDAC_Busy and ClockPhase_Busy bits (bits 1 and 0). The following IFB_WPOKE() function does this testing before writing:

```
// ********************************************************
void IFB WPOKE(unsigned short *addptr, UINT16 a)
// ********************************************************
{ UINT16 count,busy;
   busy = 1;
     for(count = 0;((count<1000) && busy);count++)
      { VXIpeek(IFB_CREGS+7,2,&busy);
        busy = busy \& 0x3;if (count < 1000)
      { VXIpoke(addptr,2,a);
       return;}
      else
      { printf("IFB_WPOKE: timeout\a\n");
       return;}
}
// ********************************************************
```
- Reading the Laser Power Monitor (not yet fully implemented) is also a slow operation involving starting a conversion that takes about 1.5us to produce an answer for reading. The plan is that the first read yields rubbish data, but kicks off a sample and conversion. Bit 2 of the Status word (ADCBusy) goes high until the conversion is complete. The next Read of the Power Monitor gives the reading, and kicks off another conversion.
- Sample Initialisation Procedure for OptIF-B

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